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None of the art cited on the attached PTO Form 1449 is believed to disclose or suggest the invention recited in the claims of the above-identified application. It is therefore believed that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over these references.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies are not provided of the listed references which were submitted in, or cited by the Office, in U.S. Application Serial No. 10/335,468, filed December 31, 2002 which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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	AC	1,667,982	05/01/1928	Pearson			
	AD	1,799,692	04/07/1931	Knott			
	AE	2,076,675	04/13/1937	Sharp			
	AF	2,239,821	04/29/1941	Knox			
	AG	2,311,542	02/16/1943	Holme			
	AH	2,417,378	03/11/1947	Robinson			
	AI	2,499,101	02/28/1950	Kluglein			
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	BB	2,667,169	01/26/1954	Kambourakis			
	BC	2,673,987	04/06/1954	Upshaw et al.			
	BD	2,803,022	08/20/1957	Wynkoop			
	BE	2,880,720	04/07/1959	Houghtaling			
	BF	2,902,701	09/08/1959	Driskill			
	BG	3,049,726	08/21/1962	Getz			
	BH	3,110,912	11/19/1963	Propst			
	BI	3,200,416	08/17/1965	Warrick			
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	BO	WO 97/22323	06/26/1997	PCT			
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	CB	3,286,707	11/22/1966	Shafer			
	CC	3,302,218	02/07/1967	Stryker			
	CD	3,344,445	10/03/1967	Crawford			
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	CF	3,434,165	03/25/1969	Keane			
	CG	3,451,070	06/24/1969	Danielson			
	CH	3,499,529	03/10/1970	Katzfey et al.			
	CI	3,584,321	06/15/1971	Buchanan			
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	DD	3,748,666	07/31/1973	Seng			
	DE	3,752,153	08/14/1973	Copeland			
	DF	3,765,406	10/16/1973	Toole et al.			
	DG	3,783,863	01/08/1974	Kliever			
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	ED	3,874,010	04/01/1975	Geary			
	EE	3,884,225	05/20/1975	Witter			
	EF	3,902,204	09/02/1975	Lee			
	EG	3,905,591	09/16/1975	Schorr et al.			
	EH	3,940,808	03/02/1976	Petrini			
	EI	3,941,365	03/02/1976	Frymoyer			
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	FC	4,109,329	08/29/1978	Tupper			
	FD	4,152,795	05/08/1979	Rodosta et al.			
	FE	4,156,815	05/29/1979	Hogan			
	FF	4,175,550	11/27/1979	Leininger et al.			
	FG	4,183,110	01/15/1980	Kidd et al.			
	FH	4,195,829	04/01/1980	Reser			
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	GC	4,395,786	08/02/1983	Casey et al.			
	GD	4,432,353	02/21/1984	Vrzalik			
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	HC	4,638,516	01/27/1987	Vrzalik			
	HD	4,655,206	04/07/1987	Moody			
	HE	4,658,450	04/21/1987	Thompson			
	HF	4,685,159	08/11/1987	Oetiker			
	HG	4,763,643	08/16/1988	Vrzalik			
	HH	4,769,584	09/06/1988	Irigoyen et al.			
	HI	4,827,541	05/09/1989	Vollman et al.			
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	IC	4,866,796	09/19/1989	Robinson et al.			
	ID	4,868,937	09/26/1989	Connolly			
	IE	4,872,657	10/10/1989	Lussi			
	IF	4,873,731	10/17/1989	Williamson			
	IG	4,895,173	01/23/1990	Brault et al.			
	IH	4,912,754	03/27/1990	Van Steenburg			
	II	4,920,589	05/01/1990	LaVelle et al.			
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	KF	5,131,103	07/21/1992	Thomas et al.			
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	KH	5,131,106	07/21/1992	Jackson			
	KI	5,148,815	09/22/1992	Britton			
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	LD	5,249,318	10/05/1993	Loadsmen			
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	NF	6,108,838	08/29/2000	Connolly et al.			
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	OD	4,937,901	07/1990	Brennan				
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